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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS PURCHASE OF LANCE

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF COPY OF LETTER FROM NETHERLANDS PREM
REP HARTOGH TO SYG LUNS. MISSION ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN
ELABORATION FROM NETHERLANDS AND FRG DELEGATIONS.
WILL ADVISE. BEGIN TEXT:

AS YOU KNOW, THE NETHERLANDS' DECISION ON THE REPLACEMENT OF
THE "HONEST JOHN" WEAPON SYSTEM BY A "LANCE" WEAPON SYSTEM HAS BEEN
KEPT IN ABEYANCE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ON THE POSSIBILITY OF ACCOMPLISHING
THIS REPLACEMENT WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF SPECIALISATION.

I AM PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO INFORM YOU THAT THIS QUESTION HAS
NOW BEEN SOLVED.

IN VIEW OF THE EXISTING PROCUREMENT FRAMEWORK WHICH WAS
ESTABLISHED BY A SPECIAL LANCE WORKING PARTY UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE
EURONADS THE NETHERLANDS' GOVERNMENT HAS, AFTER MATURE CONSIDERATION,
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DECIDED TO PURCHASE, MAN AND MAINTAIN ITSELF THE LANCE WEAPON
SYSTEM, IN A NON-NUCLEAR VERSION.

MINISTER VREDELING HAS ALREADY INFORMED MINISTER LEBER

PERSONALLY ABOUT THIS DECISION.

I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THIS INFORMATION COULD BE TREATED AS
CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL THE NETHERLANDS PARLIAMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED.

I AM SENDING COPIES OF THIS LETTER TO THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE.

END TEXT.
MCAULIFFE

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